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Applicant(s): Joel R. DUFRESNE et al. Group Art Unit: 1774  
 Serial No.: 10/682,597 Examiner: Lyle Alexander  
 Confirmation No.: 9772  
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Title: MULTILAYER PROCESSING DEVICES AND METHODS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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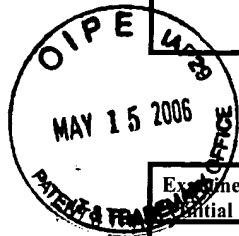
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		3,856,470	12/24/74	Cullis et al.			
		4,390,499	06/28/83	Curtis et al.			
		4,632,908	12/30/86	Schultz			
		4,673,657	06/16/87	Christian			
		4,806,316	02/21/89	Johnson et al.			
		5,154,888	10/13/92	Zander et al.			
		5,219,526	06/15/93	Long			
		5,229,297	07/20/93	Schnipelsky et al.			
		5,248,479	09/28/93	Parsons et al.			
		5,254,479	10/19/93	Chemelli			
		5,258,163	11/02/93	Krause et al.			
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		5,310,523	05/10/94	Smethers et al.			
		5,422,271	06/06/95	Chen et al.			
		5,587,128	12/24/96	Wilding et al.			
		5,643,738	07/01/97	Zanzucchi et al.			
		5,726,026	03/10/98	Wilding et al.			
		5,804,141	09/08/98	Chianese			
		5,811,296	09/22/98	Chemelli et al.			
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		5,955,028	09/21/99	Chow			
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		2004/0121471 A1	06/24/04	Dufresne et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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							Yes	No
	X	EP 0 402 994 B1	11/30/94	EPO				
	X	EP 0 693 560 A2, A3	01/24/96	EPO				
	X	WO 94/26414 A1	11/24/94	WIPO				
	X	WO 96/15576 A1	05/23/96	WIPO				
	X	WO 96/34028 A1	10/31/96	WIPO				
	X	WO 96/34029 A1	10/31/96	WIPO				
	X	WO 97/21090 A1	06/12/97	WIPO				
	X	WO 99/44740 A1	09/10/99	WIPO				
	X	WO 01/07892 A1	02/01/01	WIPO				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Authors, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)**

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	X	<i>Handbook of Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Technology</i> , Donatas Satas (Ed.) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition, Title page, p. 172, and FIG. 8-16 on p. 173, Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, NY, 1989 (2 pgs).

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	X	Sobieski et al., "18. Silicone Pressure Sensitive Adhesives," <i>Handbook of Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Technology</i> , Donatas Satas (Ed.) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition, Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, Title page and p. 508-517 (6 pgs).
	X	<i>Test Methods for Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Tapes</i> , Pressure Sensitive Tape Council, 1996, Title page, Table of Contents, and page 6 (3 pgs).
	X	Unger et al., "Monolithic Microfabricated Valves and Pumps by Multilayer Soft Lithography," <i>Science</i> , 7 April 2000, Vol. 288:113-116.

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